

REMARKS

Claims 13, 16, 19 and 22 are pending in this application. By the present amendment all claims other than allowed claims have been canceled. The allowed claims are identified in paragraph 12 of the Office Action mailed May 21, 2003.

Since the application contains only claims indicated as being allowable, all other grounds of rejection are moot. A prompt indication of allowability is respectfully requested.

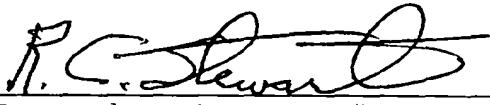
Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact David R. Murphy (Reg. No. 22,751) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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